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COMMERCE FOR UNITED STATES TRAVEL SERVICE

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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: PAN AMERICAN TO PROTEST PROJECTED AIR FARE INCREASE

1. PAN AMERICAN MANAGING DIRECTOR HAS NOTIFIED CONGEN THAT HE

WILL ANNOUNCE AT NOVEMBER 8 PRESS CONFERENCE HIS COMPANY'S OBJECTIONS TO CHARGING PROPOSED NEW FARES FOR AUSTRALIA/EUROPE ONE WAY AND ROUND TRIP EXCURSIONS. THESE FARES, PROPOSED BY QANTAS AND SIX EUROPEAN AIRLINES, ARE TO BE EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 1. PAN AM STATES ILGIS NOT BOUND TO CHARGE NEW RATES OR APPLY REVISED RULES SINCE NOT CONSULTED WHEN SHOULD HAVE BEEN. ALSO, AND PERHAPS MORE IMPORTANTLY, NEW FARES (WHICH CARRY A SURCHARGE OF A\$78 ONE WAY AND A\$156 ROUND TRIP FOR TRIPS TO EUROPE VIA U.S., AS WELL AS ELIMINATING STOPOVER PRIVILEGES IN U.S.) DISCRIMINATE AGAINST U.S. THEY BELIEVE, AND WE AGREE, THESE PROHIBITIVE CONDITIONS WILL EFFECTIVELY REDUCE NUMBER OF AUSTRALIANS TRAVELLING TO EUROPE VIA U.S. PAN AM ALSO CLAIMS BILATERAL

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FIXING OF THE FARE IS NOT IN ACCORDANCE WITH IATA PROCEDURES

AND, THEREFORE, INTENDS TO CONTINUE CHARGING THE ROUND TRIP EXCURSION FARES WHICH WERE JUST APPROVED BY GOA AND MADE EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 5, 1974.

2. COMMENT: IT LOOKS AS IF THESE NEW FARES HAVE BEEN DELIBERATELY PROMULGATED IN ORDER TO INCREASE QANTAS' PASSENGER LEVELS TO BRITAIN AT PAN AM'S EXPENSE. IT ALSO APPEARS THAT IT IS QANTAS'S SWEETENER TO BRITISH AIRWAYS FOR HAVING AGREED TO WITHDRAW FROM AUSTRALIA/U.S. PACIFIC ROUTES, EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 1975. (QANTAS ALREADY WITHDREW FROM TRANS-U.S. EUROPE SERVICE AS OF APRIL 1, 1973.) UNDER NEW ARRANGEMENTS, BA WILL NOT ONLY BENEFIT ALONG WITH QANTAS, FROM CHEAPER RATES ON AUSTRALIAN-EUROPEAN TRAFFIC, BUT WILL ALSO BENEFIT FROM ITS POOL ARRANGEMENTS WITH AIR NEW ZEALAND ON THE U.S./PACIFIC RUN. BRAND

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